

Operational Level Perspective of the “Kill Chain”

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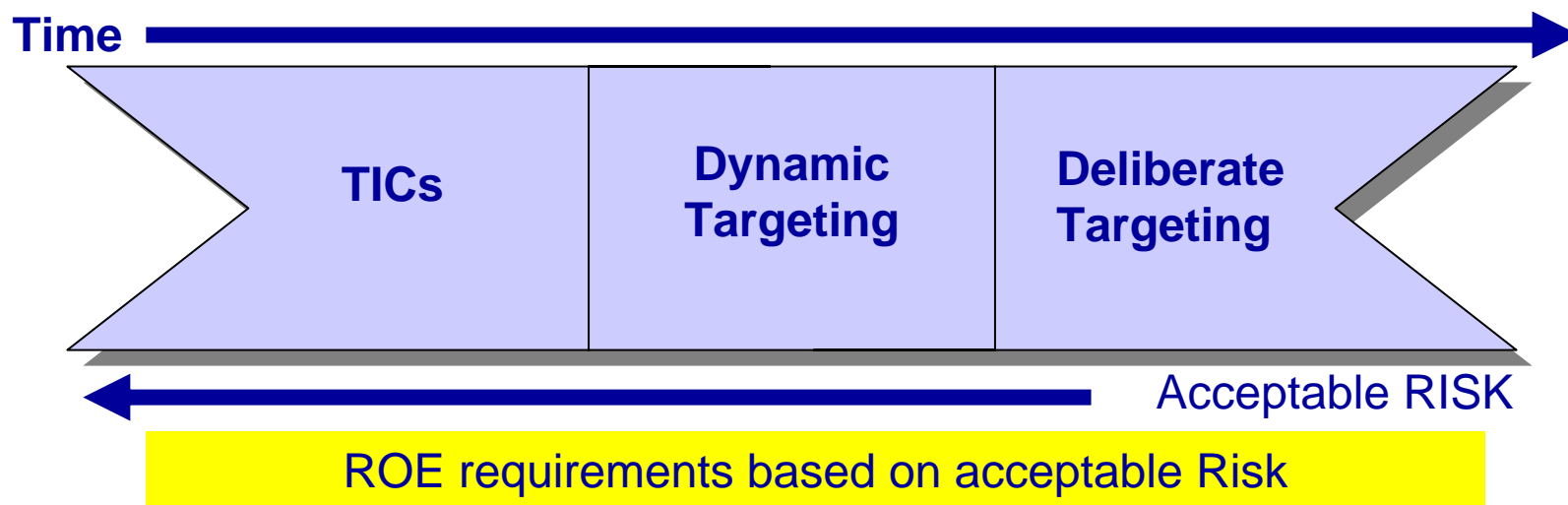
Find...Fix...Target...Track...Engage...Assess





Operational Level *How do we add value?*

- **Three distinct categories of Targets:**
 - **Troops in Contact (TICs)**
 - **Dynamic Targeting**
 - **Deliberate Targeting**





MQ-9 vs ACM

Date: 23 Nov 07

Operation: OEF

Aircraft: MQ-9

Weapon: GBU-12

Location: IVO Anaconda Fire Base, Afghanistan



Claw 01 was retasked by Taipan to support a TIC IVO Anaconda Fire Base. Reports that friendlies were being engaged; ACM were observed moving north tactically along the creek bed. Claw 01 was cleared to engaged on the north edge of the east to west running river.



Troops in Contact

- Presence ~ single digit minutes
 - Iraq = typical <10 minutes
 - Afghanistan = < 20 Minutes
- Precise Information—Rover/Targeting Pods/Comms
- Weapon Flexibility
- Theater Air Control System

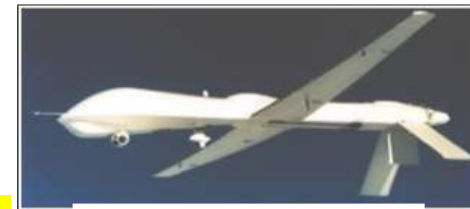


(ROVER) Remotely Operated Video Enhanced Receiver
Airborne imagery direct to the warfighter!

Advanced Targeting Pods

UAVs, F-16, F-18, A-10, GR-7 and P-3

C-130 Scathe View





A-10 vs IED Cache

Date: 21 Oct 07

Operation: OIF

Aircraft: A-10C

Weapon: 2 x GBU-38

Location: IVO Fallujah, Iraq



2x A-10Cs assigned to the 104 EFS destroy a building containing an IED cache using GBU-38s north of Fallujah, Iraq. The GBU-38 impacts resulted in the destruction of the building and denied materials to the enemy.



Dynamic Targeting

“Time Sensitive” vs. Inside the ATO cycle

- **Collateral Damage Estimate**
 - **Formal or Field?**
- **Weaponneering**
- **No Strike List?**
- **Airspace clearance**



Airpower in Joint Military Operations

Big Sky Theory





AIRSPACE CONTROL

“another viewpoint”





Deliberate Targeting

- **Integrated and Synchronized Effects**
Space—ISR—Electronic Attack—CSAR
- **Airspace clearance**
- **Collateral Damage Estimate**
- **Weaponneering**
- **No Strike List?**



1 Year CFACC Roll-Up by Operation

28 February 2007 – 1 March 2008

IRAQ

■ 67,169 Sorties

- 18,952 (Strike)
 - 2,248 TICs
 - 1,119 SoFs
 - 1,265 Wpns Employed
- 3,820 (EW)
- 6,969 (ISR)
- 7,774 (Tanker)
- 29,654 (Tac Airlift)
 - 5 Airdrop



SORTIE TOTAL

98,703

AFGHANISTAN

■ 31,534 Sorties

- 10,317 (Strike)
 - 2,073 TICs
 - 1,493 SoFs
 - 2,975 Wpns Employed
- 1,926 (EW)
- 3,730 (ISR)
- 6,573 (Tanker)
- 8,988 (Tac Airlift)
 - 463 Airdrops





Points to ponder

- **Innovations and Evolving Capabilities**
 - **Fast-moving target destruction**
 - **Positive identification (PID)**
 - **Low collateral damage employment**
 - **UAS Integration**

